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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to Examiner's office action mailed June 24, 2008, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.